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Animal Fact Sheet

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Damaraland Mole Rat

Fukomys damarensis

Fukomys damarensis is one of only two mammals generally accepted as eusocial, the other being the naked mole-rat, but its social system works on a completely different principle. A colony of a dozen …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Bathyergidae
Habitat: Subterranean burrows in semi-arid grasslands and savannas
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 7-15 years
Weight: 80-180 grams
Scientific name: Fukomys damarensis

Did you know?

- Unlike most mammals, Damaraland Mole Rats exhibit a strict division of labor, with only one reproductive female (the queen) in each colony.
- Damaraland mole-rats tolerate carbon dioxide levels and low oxygen that would incapacitate a surface rodent, an inevitable consequence of living in a…

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